

January 21, 2003

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr, Queen Creek, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
January 29, 2003**

	<b><u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.	3. For information.
4. <u>Interim Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Interim Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. For information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.	5. Approve the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

*6A. <u>Approval of December 11, 2002 Meeting Minutes</u>	6A. Review and approve December 11, 2002 meeting minutes.
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**AIR QUALITY ITEM**

*6B. <u>Conformity Consultation</u>	6B. For consultation.
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MAG is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The amendment includes a request from Maricopa County to add a new FY 2003 federal aid bridge rehabilitation project to strengthen the bridge at Maricopa County Route - 85 and the Agua Fria River. Also, the amendment includes the addition of \$34 million for rubberized asphalt paving projects to resurface sections of the freeway system and minor project revisions to existing TIP projects. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

\*6C. Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Maricopa County Bridge Project

Recently, Maricopa County was notified that it had been awarded \$1 million in Federal Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Funds (BR) to make repairs to the bridge on MC-85 at the Agua Fria River. To implement this project, it is necessary to amend the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to include this project in FY 2003 so that it may proceed to construction. Projects involving bridge rehabilitation are generally regarded as exempt for air quality purposes and the consultation for this item is considered as a separate agenda item. The Management Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee recommended approval of this advancement. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*6D. Red Letter Notification

In 1996, the Regional Council approved the Red Letter Process to provide early notification of potential development in planned freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. The Arizona Department of Transportation received 62 notifications for the first six months of calendar year 2002, with three properties in or potentially in freeway right of way. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6C. Approve an amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add \$1 million in FY 2003, for a Maricopa County Bridge Rehabilitation Project on MC-85 at the Agua Fria River.

6D. Information and discussion.

\*6E. Material Change to the State FY 2003-2007 Highway Construction Program and Amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program for Rubberized Asphalt

MAG member agencies and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) have proposed changes to the current ADOT 2003-2007 Five Year Highway Construction program to implement a program of paving freeways with rubberized asphalt. The approximate \$34 million in funding will come from unallocated MAG federal funds, deferral of two projects and a reduction in the cost of one project. It is anticipated that the projects deferred and reduced will be allocated funding in future Transportation Improvement Programs. Rubberized asphalt has been determined to be very effective at reducing noise on urban freeways. An amendment to the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program will be needed to accomplish this change. The Management Committee recommended approval. The Transportation Policy Committee recommended approval, contingent upon approval of the rubberized asphalt map. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*6F. Grand Avenue Northwest Corridor Study - SR 303L to SR 101L

The Grand Avenue Northwest Corridor Study was initiated in February 2000 to identify potential multi-modal improvements to the section of Grand Avenue between Loops 101 and 303. More than 60 options for potential improvements were considered in the study. Extensive consultation with local agencies and the public was a key element in developing the options and approximately 40 draft recommendations. One of the key elements of the Study was to develop a recommendation for the ultimate concept for this section of the corridor. It is being recommended that this section of Grand Avenue be an enhanced arterial/limited expressway. The Management Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee recommended acceptance of the report and its recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6E. Approve the material change to the Regional Freeway Program and amending the FY 2003-2007 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to provide \$34 million to ADOT for rubberized asphalt as shown in the attached tables, contingent upon TPC approval of the rubberized asphalt map.

6F. Accept the report and its recommendations, including designation of Grand Avenue between Loops 101 and 303 as an "enhanced arterial/limited expressway," for consideration and analysis as needed in the MAG Northwest Area Transportation Study and the Regional Transportation Plan.

**GENERAL ITEM****\*6G. 911 GIS Data Enhancement Project Consultant Selection Recommendation**

In November, MAG advertised a Request for Proposals for the 911 GIS Data Enhancement Project. The purpose of the project is to enhance data accuracy and completeness of the GIS data maintained by the Phoenix Fire Department for emergency services delivery and produce a synchronized GIS street centerline file and Master Street Address Guide for distribution to the 26 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in the MAG Region. This enhanced database will enable the PSAPs to locate wireless 911 callers. A multi-agency evaluation team reached a consensus that Contact One, LLC be selected to undertake the 911 GIS Data Enhancement Project for an amount not to exceed \$145,200. The 911 Oversight Team and the Management Committee recommended that Contact One be selected. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6G. Approve that the City of Phoenix as the Contracting Agent for the MAG Enhanced 911 Emergency Telephone System, contract with Contact One, LLC to undertake the 911 GIS Data Enhancement Project, for an amount not to exceed \$145,200, with the payment for the tasks provided by the Arizona Department of Administration.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD****TRANSPORTATION ITEMS****7. Transportation Policy Committee Update**

An update on recent activities of the Transportation Policy Committee will be provided.

**8. TEA-21 Reauthorization Update**

In Spring 2003, Congress will be developing the reauthorization of the federal transportation program. MAG has been working with the Arizona Department of Transportation, Valley Metro and other transportation planning agencies throughout the State to develop a set of guiding principles for reauthorization. Guiding principles and potential discretionary projects are being discussed. A report on these discussions will be provided to the Regional Council. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information and discussion.

8. Information and discussion.

9. MAG Town Hall

On January 17, 2003, the Regional Town Hall Steering Committee held their first meeting. Direction was received on a number of issues. It was decided that the all-day event will be held on Friday, March 28, 2003 at the Black Canyon Conference Center. The 250 participants will be invited from a variety of sources including cities' leadership programs, professional associations and other groups in order to involve a diverse group of stakeholders in the region. Additionally, staff will work with sponsors to offset the cost of the event. An update will be provided on recent activities of the Steering Committee.

9. Information and discussion.

**GENERAL ITEMS**10. Draft Continuum of Care Regional Plan to End Homelessness

In December 1999, the Regional Council accepted the request by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assume responsibility for a regional funding application and to convene a community-wide group to develop a county-wide plan to address homelessness. A policy level committee was formed, the Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness. Working subcommittees were established to focus on the principal tasks of the regional effort. As a part of this year's HUD application, the Continuum of Care developed a regional homeless plan, The Regional Plan to End Homelessness, which will be used as a blueprint in working to end homelessness in every community. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Information, discussion and comment.

11. Election to Fill the Vacancy on the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

As a result of the recent legislative elections, a vacancy occurred on the MAG Executive Committee. According to the MAG By-Laws, in case of a vacancy in the Executive Committee, the Regional Council at its next meeting may elect a successor to the Committee for the unexpired term of the member. The process requires that the Nominating Committee provide a balanced

11. Election of Mayor Woody Thomas, Litchfield Park, to fill the vacancy on the Regional Council Executive Committee.

slate of candidates. On December 11, 2002, the MAG Nominating Committee met and recommended that Mayor Woody Thomas, Litchfield Park, be elected to the Executive Committee for the unexpired term of Mayor Bill Arnold from Goodyear. Please refer to the enclosed material.

12. Preliminary Discussion of the Development of the FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, staff develops the Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in April and approved by the Regional Council in May. To provide an earlier start in developing the Work Program and Budget, a draft time line has been developed that recommends providing information earlier, review of the Work Program and Budget in March, and final review in May. In addition, a summary budget document of the Work Program and Budget is being proposed. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. Ratification of the Executive Committee Action for Approval of the MAG Executive Director

At the January 17, 2003 Executive Committee meeting, the Committee approved the appointment of Dennis Smith to be MAG Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Regional Council. The Regional Council may vote to recess the meeting and go into executive session to discuss the appointment, pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1). The Regional Council may reconvene the meeting to ratify the Executive Committee's action approving Dennis Smith as the MAG Executive Director, and to approve the employment agreement.

14. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

12. Information, discussion and input on the development of the Work Program and Annual Budget.

13. Information, discussion and possible action to recess the meeting to conduct an executive session to discuss the selection of Dennis Smith as the MAG Executive Director, and to reconvene the meeting for possible action to ratify the Executive Committee's action approving Dennis Smith as the MAG Executive Director, and to approve the employment agreement.

14. Information.